no objection to their use on products to be exported. A condition to this effect is accordingly incorporated in all approvals for foreign collaboration.

Foreign collaboration proposal to use foreign brand name

1710. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several companies are coming forward with foreign collaboration proposals with obvious intention to use the Foreign Brand Names; and

(b) if so, what action is proposed to be taken by Government to ensure that Indian brand names are promoted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As a general policy, Government is not permitting the use of foreign brand names on items meant for internal sales, To enforce this the following condition is put in the approvals for foreign collaboration:

"Foreign brand names will not be allowed for use on the products for internal sales, although there is no objection to their use on products to be exported."

Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels Ltd.

1711. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when, according to the collaborators' feasibility report the Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels Ltd. is likely to break even and whether it continued to incurlosses till 1978-79; and

(b) what were the rated capacity of Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels Ltd. and the annual ootput from 1979-80 to 1985-86 with reasons for low output?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI K. K. TEWARI): (a) As per the project report the company was expected to break-even in 1971-72. Due to lack of orders and consequent low capacity utilisation, the company containued to incur losses till 1978-79.

(b) The installed capacity is 23,210 tonnes per annum. The production from 1979-80 to 1985-86 is as under:—

Year	Production (MT)
1979-80	6,020
1980-81	13,949
1981-82	13,298
1982-83	12,930
1983-84	10,964
1984-85	12,676
1985-86	15,401

Inadequate orders and change over to high technology products are the main reasons for low output.

News-Item Captioned 'Koir Pyth—a Source of Fuel'

1712. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Koir Pyth—A SOURCE OF FUEL" in the 'Hindu' of the 20th June, 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that Shri A. T. R. Swamy, Commerce student of National College, Trichy was denied of the barest minimum encoura-

gement even by way of a reply in regard to his new invention and novel project;

(c) whether Government have made any indepth study into the use of Koir Pyth Stove made out of GI Sheet; and

(d) whether Government consider his invention as successful, in view of the energy crisis the country is facing?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (d) A proposal from Sri Venkatesa & Co. Tiruchirapally signed by Shri A.T.R. Swamy was received in this Department on 2.5.86 requesting for the approval of Sri Venkatesa & Co.'s Coir Pyth Stove. Shri Venkatesa & Co. was requested on 25-5-86 to get the efficiency of this stove tested by the Central Power Research and the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. This letter was acknowledged by Sri Venkatesa & Co. on 24.6.86 confirming that all documents had been sent to the two institutions. As per the policy of the Department, a new stove can be approved for propagation under the National Programme of Improved Chulha if its efficiency is certified to be above 20 per cent by at least two independent scientific institutions designated by the Department. Accordingly, the company was requested to get the efficiency of these stoves tested at the two above mentioned institutes. The report from the Central Power Research Institute, Bangalore shows that the efficiency of the "Sri Venkatesa and Co. Coir Pyth Stove" is 9.8 per cent. The report from IIT Delhi is awaited.

Supply of LPG Cylinders to Five Star Hotels etc.

1713. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any regulations to accord priority for supply of LPG refills to Five-Star hotels, hospitals and hostels;

(b) whether it is fact that these institutions are finding it difficult to get the refills in time; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to ease the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (c) Normally no priority in supply of LPG refills is given to five-star hotels, hospitals and hostels. However during periods of sustained backlog, dealers are advised to accord priority in supply of refills to hospitals, hostels and hotels who may not find it possible to use alternative fuels.

(b) There have been no serious complaints in this regard.

Fazilka Telephone Exchange

1714. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to convert the manual telephone exchange at Fazilka in Punjab into MAX-II Electronic type exchange;

(b) whether the Municipal Committee Fazilka has agreed to provide land required for this purpose;

(c) whether it is a fact that the residents of Fazilka were assured by Government of expeditious execution of the proposal;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard and what are the reasons for the delay in this regard; and

(e) by when the MAX-II Electronic type telephone exchange is likely to be commissioned at Fazilka?